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SUBJ: TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 003943

1. EMBASSY PRESENTED ORALLY CONTENTS OF PARAS 2, 5 AND 6 TO GOR JANUARY 9. ROMANIANS HAD NO COMMENT EXCEPT FOR QUESTION OF MENTIONING GATT IMPORT COMMITMENT (US DRAFT ARTICLE 1 SECTION 1) IN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT. IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER DURING NEGOTIATIONS NEXT WEEK.

2. A NEW POINT RAISED BY GOR IN CONNECTION WITH GATT IMPORT COMMITMENT IS THAT CENTRALLY-PLANNED COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ALREADY MEMBERS OF GATT HAVE DIFFERENT OBLIGATIONS TO GATT. DIRECTOR GENERAL DUMITRESCU, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, CLAIMED THAT ROMANIA'S PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION IS THE MOST SEVERE: POLAND'S QUANTITATIVE COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN EASY TO ACHIEVE BECAUSE OF INFLATION, AND HUNGARY WAS ACCEPTED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR TARIFF SYSTEM, WITHOUT AN IMPORT COMMITMENT.

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3. DUMITRESCU INSISTED THAT ROMANIA HAD THUS FAR FULFILLED

ITS COMMITMENT EVEN THOUGH OTHER PARTIES TO GATT WERE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ROMANIA IN VIOLATION OF THEIR COMMITMENTS -- HE MENTIONED QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS BY EC AND SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. AS DISCUSSED DURING GATT WORKING PARTY MEETINGS, HE SAID, ROMANIA CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO RESPECT ITS OBLIGATIONS WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES DO NOT.

4. MEETING ENDED ON NOTE THAT WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS SHOWED US INTEREST IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS DURING NEGOTIATIONS AND "OPTIMISTIC" EXPECTATION THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN ONE WEEK.  
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